Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Resolution 19-20, XX* }

A Resolution Expressing Our Desire for a Visible Office and Meeting Space

Introduced By: President **Nathan Mudrak** and considered this **5th** day of **November** in the Year **2019**

Sponsored By: Senator **Anthony Singleton** of the freshman class
Senator **Talal Widatalla** of the Sophomore Class

Referred to the senate by the **COMMITTEE ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** which recommends its **PASSAGE** by a vote of **6** to **0**.

Whereas The Johns Hopkins University Undergraduate Student Government Association (hereafter referred to as SGA) is tasked with being a representative body; and

Whereas representation is improved by creating clear, visible avenues by which students can communicate with SGA; and

Whereas during the Sophomore Class Council's Reverse Trick or Treat event, through which all sophomores living in dorms had the opportunity to individually express their opinion on SGA to the council, many students expressed concerns that they don't really know what SGA does; and

Whereas the JHU Newsletter recently published an editorial slamming SGA's transparency over the past year; and

Whereas this resolution is designed to be passed in conjunction with the SGA Transparency Act to address all avenues by which SGA transparency can be improved; and

Whereas prominently placed office and meeting spaces are crucial to increasing SGA visibility; and

Whereas SGA visibility is vital to alleviating student transparency concerns, ensuring the continual representative nature of SGA, and addressing student feedback; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Johns Hopkins Student Government Association encourages Johns Hopkins University, especially the Student Leadership and Involvement and Dean of Student Life offices to explore possible spaces for an SGA office space, one in which we can hold office hours and tend to SGA business. Such a space should, ideally, fulfill the following criteria:

- The office should be in a visible, easily accessible location
- The office should have enough space to hold multiple SGA members, ideally enough to hold class council or committee meetings.
    - If space large enough to hold meetings is not possible, space in close proximity to possible meeting spaces is preferred.
- The space should have the ability to put up SGA signage advertising the office space and its hours
- The space should just generally be conducive to the work SGA does, and special consideration should be given to the ways in which the space can promote SGA transparency and communication.

Be It Further Resolved that the Johns Hopkins Student Government Association believes that it should, in conjunction with the Student Leadership and Involvement office, reconsider its current meeting space of the Charles Commons East Room to ensure that it is the best space available for our use, giving special consideration to the ability of other spaces to increase the visibility of SGA.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of Student Leadership and Involvement Calvin Smith and the Dean of Student Life Smita Ruzicka.

THE RESOLUTION HEREBY **PASSES/FAILS** BY A VOTE OF **XX** TO **X** WITH **X** ABSTENTIONS.

UPON ADOPTION, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATING THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTION AS THE POSITION AND IS WILL OF THE SENATE AND THE STUDENT BODY OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY..

Signatures of Enactment:

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President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Eric Armstrong
Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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